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The southern region must emerge as a key economic powerhouse in the building of a 'Viksit Bharat': CM Chandrababu

Amaravati, Aug 20 : Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu expressed his aspiration for the southern region to emerge as a key economic powerhouse in the building of a 'Viksit Bharat' (Developed India). The Southern Zonal Council meeting was held on Thursday in Mahabalipuram, Tamil Nadu, under the chairmanship of Union

Home Minister Amit Shah. Chief Ministers from the southern states attended the meeting. Speaking on the occasion, CM Chandrababu discussed the development of the southern states, including Andhra Pradesh, and emphasized that fostering cooperation among these states is the primary objective. The AP Chief Minister emphasized that issues should be resolved

through trust and mutual cooperation between the Centre and the states. In this context, he proposed a bullet train corridor connecting Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, and Tamil Nadu. He suggested that the bullet train should run via Kuppam and stressed that this transport system should connect the capital city of Amaravati with Bengaluru and Chennai.



Tragedy in Visakhapatnam: Boy collapses in classroom

Visakhapatnam, Aug 20 : A tragic incident occurred in Visakhapatnam, where a six-year-old boy named Pranay Tej collapsed in the classroom after being struck by a teacher. The incident took place at Little Garden School in the Visakhapatnam One Town area. The boy, who had lost consciousness, was immediately rushed to the hospital; however, doctors declared him dead upon arrival. Subsequently, the child's body was shifted to KGH for a post-mortem examination. Upon learning of the incident.

CM Chandrababu is delivering exemplary governance : MP Sri Bharat

Visakhapatnam, Aug 20 : MP Sri Bharat welcomed the State Cabinet's decision to conduct Zilla Parishad (ZP) elections via the direct election method during the local body polls. On Thursday, he visited a photo exhibition organized by the Visakha Photo Journalists Association at the museum. Speaking on the occasion, he expressed confidence that the alliance would emerge victorious in the local body elections. They stated that the people in the state have been living peacefully

since the alliance government came to power. They praised CM Chandrababu for providing exemplary governance. The MP stated that the state has not yet fully recovered from the misdeeds of the previous government. He remarked that the state lacks a proper opposition and that those in the opposition do not understand their role. He noted that water scarcity is arising due to El Niño, and lashed out at certain forces for exploiting this situation to spread propaganda claiming that data centers are the cause of the water crisis.



Rains in AP: Major alert for residents of those two districts

Amaravati, Aug 20: The Andhra Pradesh State Disaster Management Authority has announced that rains are expected in several parts of the state on

Friday. It stated that moderate rains accompanied by lightning.



Jagan is running away without attending the Assembly : Minister Lokesh

Amaravati, Aug 20: Nara Lokesh, Minister for Education and IT, criticized YCP chief and former CM Y.S. Jagan for lacking an understanding of the examination system in Andhra Pradesh. Minister

Lokesh countered Jagan's remarks on Thursday, questioning the YCP chief if he believed that the APPSC and DSC were the same thing.



Bhatti calls for fair, lawful solutions to Centre-State disputes

Hyderabad, Aug 20 : Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka said the spirit of cooperative federalism lies in resolving issues between the Centre and the States amicably and ensuring the speedy implementation of decisions taken. He said the true test of a federal system was its ability to find fair and lawful solutions when the interests of different States come into conflict.

Bhatti Vikramarka made these remarks at the 31st Southern Zonal Council meeting held at Mahabalipuram in Tamil Nadu on Thursday. The meeting was chaired by Union Home Minister Amit Shah and attended by Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu, Karnataka Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar, Kerala Chief Minister V.D. Satheesan, Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M.K. Stalin, and other leaders.



My daughter's remarks were personal : Konda Surekha

Hyderabad, Aug 20 : Minister for Forests, Environment and Endowments Konda Surekha on Thursday responded to the show-cause notice issued by the TPCC Disciplinary Action Committee (DAC) seeking an explanation over remarks made by her daughter, Susmitha.

BJP warns of intensified stir over fee reimbursement dues



Karimnagar, Aug 20 : Telangana state BJP president N. Ramchander Rao on Thursday warned that the party would in-

tensify its agitation if the Congress government failed to immediately clear pending fee reimbursement dues and scholarships for students. Addressing a BJYM-led "Fee Bakayi - BJP Ladayi" Maha Dharna in Karimnagar.

Uttam cautions farmers amid rainfall deficit, urges prudent crop planning

Huzurnagar, Aug 20 : Minister for Irrigation and Civil Supplies N. Uttam Kumar Reddy on Thursday cautioned farmers to exercise care while planning crops as the rainfall deficit continues, warning that the situation could worsen if rainfall remains deficient in September and October, as projected by meteorological authorities.

During a review of irrigation works and the prevailing water situation in Suryapet district, the Minister, along with irrigation officials, took stock of the progress of the Mahatma Gandhi Muktyala Branch Canal Lift Irrigation Scheme. Uttam Kumar Reddy said the State government was closely monitoring rainfall, reservoir levels.



CMR must be delivered within the deadline : District Collector Garima Agrawal.

Rajanna Sircilla, Aug 20 : District Collector Garima Agrawal has directed that CMR (Custom Milled Rice) deliveries pertaining to the last three seasons be completed within the stipulated deadline. On Thursday, District Collector Garima Agrawal, along with Additional Collector Gaddam Nagesh and Civil Supplies Department officials, held a review meeting at the District Integrated Offices Complex. The meeting covered issues such as CMR delivery, payment of ‘action paddy’ dues, and arrangements for grain procurement during the Kharif season. Collector Garima Agrawal instructed rice millers in the district to deliver the CMR for the past three seasons on time. She also directed them to clear outstanding ‘action paddy’ dues within the deadline.





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E-AUCTION – SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES
E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 6 (2) & 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s), Mortgagor(s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of **Bank of Baroda, Hanamkonda Branch**, Secured Creditor will be sold on “As is where is”, “As is what is”, and “Whatever there is” basis for recovery of dues in below mentioned account/s. The details of Borrower(s)/Mortgagor (s)/ Guarantor (s) /Secured Asset/s/Dues/Reserve Price/ e-Auction date & Time, EMD and Bid Increase Amount are mentioned below -

Name And Address Of Borrower/S,Guarantor/S And Mortgagor/S: Mr Bonagiri Suresh (Borrower) H.No 4-7-144/A, Kumarapally , Hanamkonda, Hanamkonda District, Telangana Pincode 506001. Mobile No: 9248091112

Due to the Bank: Rs.43,21,047/- (Rupees forty three lakh twenty one thousand forty seven only) as on 09-02-2026 together with further interest thereon with effect from **09-02-2026** at the contractual rate plus costs, charges and expenses till date of payment

Known Encumbrances: NIL **Type of Possession:** Physical Possession

Date & Time of E-auction: 22.09.2026 **From 10.00 AM to 05.00 PM**
AUCTION ID : 337428 **Property Inspection Date & time:** Up to 21.09.2026 **From 11.00 AM to 01.00 PM**

Description of the Immovable Property/s
All that the Open Plot No.14 to an extent of 2668.00Sq.Yds., or 2330.71Sq.Mts., in finished multistoried building (Stillt+5 Upper Floors) named as Mythri Residency in Sy.No.215/G3(Old), 215/G3/1(New) of Gorrekunta Revenue Village (Reddypalem), Geesugonda Mandal, Warangal District, within the limits of GWMG, Warangal and within the Registration District, Warangal and Sub-Registrar, Warangal (Rural) and bounded by **Boundaries: East :** 30'-0" Wide Road, **West:** 33'-0" Wide Road, **North:** 30'-0" Wide Road, **South:** Plot No.13 **SCHEDULE-B (Flat)** All that the residential Flat bearing No.302 on Third Floor in the multistoried building named as **MYTHRI RESIDENCY**, Block-A, out of Sy.No.215/G3(Old), 215/G3/1(New) of Gorrekunta Revenue Village (Reddypalem) to the extent of 44.46Sq.Yds., being undivided, unspecified and undivisible share of right in total extent of 2668.00Sq.Yds., apartments building complex therein the plinth area covered by 1140.00Sq.Fts., inclusive of common areas and one car parking slot area of 100Sq.Fts., situated at Gorrekunta Revenue Village (Reddypalem), Geesugonda Mandal, Warangal District, within the limits of GWMG, Warangal and within the Registration District, Warangal and Sub-Registrar, **Boundaries: East:** Open to sky, **West:** Corridor & Staircase **North:** Open to sky, **South:** Open to sky.

Reserve Price: Rs.55,17,000 /- Earnest Money Deposit: Rs.5,51,700/- Bid Increase Amount: Rs.10,000/-

Note: For detailed terms and conditions of sale, please refer/visit to the website link <https://www.bankofbaroda.in/e-auction> and online auction portal **Baanknet.com**. Also, prospective bidders may contact the Authorized Officer on Tel No: 0870 2448501 & Mobile No: 7993316630

Date: 20.08.2026 **Sr.Manager (G Charan Barik)**
Place: Hanamkonda **Chief Manager & Authorised Officer**



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Bank of Maharashtra

BANK OF MAHARASHTRA
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POSSESSION NOTICE
(Rule 8(1)) (For immovable property)

WHEREAS the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of Bank of Maharashtra under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under Sec. 13(2) read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a **demand notice dated 03.12.2025** calling upon the borrowers **M/s Sri Lalitha Prasanna Fabrication Works Proprietor Mathi Phanesb Babu** to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs.1,42,72,999.93/(One Crore Forty Two Lakhs Seventy Two Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety Nine and Ninety Three Paise only)** Plus Interest at pre-availing rate from date of default.

The borrowers having failed to repay the total amount due, notice is hereby given to the borrowers, guarantors and the public in general that the undersigned has **taken possession** of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said rules on **19.08.2026**

The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the properties and any dealings with the properties will be subject to the charge of Bank of Maharashtra for an amount hereinabove mentioned.

The details of the properties mortgaged to the Bank and taken possession by the Bank are as follows:

Property Details : 1.Equitable Mortgage of Residential Property on Survey No 276/1 Plot No 59 LP No 10/2014 Brundavanam Layout Opp to Harsh Nines Gudivada Road Telaprolu Village Unguturu Mandal Krishna District North: Plot No 58 South: 40 Ft Wide Road, East: Plot No 60, West: 60 Ft Wide Road.
At SRO :- Sur Registrar, Unguturu **CERSAI Asset Id :-** 200083057366

Place: Hyderabad **Sd/- Chief Manager & Authorised Officer**
Date: 19.08.2026 **Bank of Maharashtra**



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DEMAND NOTICE

Under Section 13 (2) of Securitisation & Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002.
The accounts of the following borrowers with **Bank of Maharashtra** having been classified as NPA, the Bank has issued notice under S.13(2) of the SARFAESI Act on the date mentioned below. In view of the non service of the notice on the last known address of below mentioned borrowers/Guarantors, this public notice is being published for information of all concerned. The below mentioned Borrowers/Guarantors are called upon to pay to **Bank of Maharashtra** within **60 days** from the date of publication of this Notice the amounts indicated below due on the dates together with future interest at contractual rates, till the date of payment, under the loan/and other agreements and documents executed by the concerned persons. As security for the borrowers' obligation under the said agreements and documents, the respective assets shown against the names have been charged to **Bank of Maharashtra**.

1. Name & Address of the Borrower/Co-Borrower: 1. Mr. Kammani Kamalakara (Borrower), Address: Flat No 402 Fourth Floor Sree Gayathri Niwas on Plot No 18 and 19/Part in Survey Nos 119, 120/Part, 121/A and 121/Aa situated at Brindavan Colony, Jeedimetla Village Quthbullapur Mandal Near Suchitra Medchal Malkajgiri District - 500055 **(Borrower)**, 2. **Mr. Kammani Vamsi (Co-Borrower)** Address: Flat No 402 Fourth Floor Sree Gayathri Niwas on Plot No 18 and 19/Part in Survey Nos 119, 120/Part, 121/A and 121/Aa situated at Brindavan Colony, Jeedimetla Village Quthbullapur Mandal Near Suchitra Medchal Malkajgiri District-500055 **(Co-Borrower)**.
Total Outstanding Balance: Rs.58,66,766.13 (Rupees Fifty-Eight Lakhs Sixty Six Thousand Seven Hundred Sixty-Six and Paise Thirteen only) plus un-applied interest at prevailing rate from the date of default along with charges, other cost and expenses.
MAHA New HSG Sal. Non - Pri -bearing Account No. 60518202899 & NEW MAHA TOPUP QTH NON-PRI - bearing Account No. 60522861812
NPA Date on 16/08/2026 **Demand Notice Date: 17.08.2026**

Description of the Immovable Properties: Equitable mortgage Residential Flat No.- 402 (in Fourth Floor), of “Sree Gayathri Niwas” alongwith it's built up area of 1200 sq.ft. (including common area and Car Parking), along with its undivided share of land 42.60 sq. yards (Of 418.80 sq. yards), on Plot Nos.-18 & 19/Part in Survey Nos 119, 120/Part, 121/A and 121/Aa, situated at Brindavan Colony, Jeedimetla village, Quthbullapur Mandal & under GHMC circle, Quthbullapur Medchal-Malkajgiri, Telangana and is bounded as follows: **Boundaries for Plots: North:** 9' Mtrs Road, **South:** Plot No 22 and 41, **East:** Plot No 19/Part, **West:** Neighbours Land, **Boundaries for Flat: North:** Corridor, **South:** Open to Sky, **East:** Open to Sky, **West:** Open to Sky.
CERSAI ASSET ID 200087994727

2. Name & Address of the Borrower/Co-Borrower: 1. Mr. Panuganti Murali Mohan Rao (Borrower) Address: Flat No 2 Srinivasa Residency H No-24-86/17/2/F2 Anandbagh Malkajgiri Hyderabad **(Borrower)**, 2. **Mrs. Panuganti Nivedita (Borrower)**, Address: Flat No 2 Srinivasa Residency H No-24-86/17/2/F2 Anandbagh Malkajgiri Hyderabad **(Co-Borrower)**.
Total Outstanding Balance: Rs.4,28,190.15 (Rupees Four Lakh Twenty-Eight Thousand One Hundred Ninety and Paise Fifteen only) plus un-applied interest at prevailing rate from the date of default along with charges, other cost and expenses.
TL-LN Agnst Property-Ret -bearing Account No. 60325632956
NPA Date on 28/04/2025 **Demand Notice Date: 05.08.2026**

Description of the Immovable Properties: Equitable mortgage of Flat No 2 on the first Floor of the Building Srinivasa Residency constructed on Plot no 31 and 24 situated in Survey No 56.57 and 58 admeasuring 980 sq ft carpet and built-up area situated at Anandbagh village in the registration district Medchal-Malkajgiri, Malkajgiri Circle and Mandal, Hyderabad 500047 and is bounded as follows: **North:** Flat No F.3, **South:** Flat No F.1, **East:** 4' Wide Corridor, **West:** Open to Sky, **CERSAI ASSET ID 200027615879**

If the concerned Borrowers/Guarantors shall fail to make payment to **Bank of Maharashtra** as aforesaid, then the **Bank of Maharashtra** shall be entitled to proceed against the above secured assets under Section 13(4) of the Act and the applicable Rules entirely at the risks of the concerned Borrowers/ Guarantors as to the costs and consequences. In terms of provisions of SARFAESI ACT, the Concerned Borrowers/Guarantors are prohibited from transferring the above said assets, in any manner, whether by way of sale, lease or otherwise without the prior written consent of **Bank of Maharashtra**. Any contravention of the said provisions will render the concerned persons liable for punishment and/or penalty in accordance with the SARFAESI Act. For more details notice may collect the unserved returned notices from the undersigned.

Date: 21.08.2026 **Sd/- Chief Manager &**
Place: Hyderabad **Authorised Officer, Bank of Maharashtra**

Polytechnic restructuring to strengthen skills, jobs: Vivek

Hyderabad, Aug 20 : Minister for SHAKTI (Labour, Employment, Training & Factories) and Mines G. Vivek Venkataswamy said the State government had undertaken administrative restructuring to strengthen polytechnic education, provide students with industry-aligned skill training and create better employment opportunities. Speaking to the media at the Secretariat on Thursday, the Minister said the government had issued GO 97 on June 16, 2026, bringing polytechnics under the Commissionerate of Employment and Training (CET), which were earlier under the Commissionerate of Technical Education (CTE). He clarified that the decision was not intended to weaken polytechnic education or alter its identity, but was purely an administrative restructuring exercise. Bringing polytechnics, ITIs/Advanced Technology Centres (ATCs) and the Young India Skills University (YISU) under CET would help integrate technical education, skill development and industry requirements into a comprehensive system, he said. Vivek Venkataswamy said the government had held discussions with representatives of the Joint Action Committee (JAC) on the restructuring and extensively deliberated on measures to implement the changes without affecting the interests of students, faculty members or employees. He made it clear that the existing three-year AICTE-recognised diploma courses would continue unchanged. The existing provision allowing polytechnic diploma holders to secure lateral entry into engineering colleges through TG ECET would also continue, he said. The State Board of Technical Education and Training (SBTET) would, however, be reorganised into two divisions. The polytechnic division would function as a separate unit under CET and continue to oversee polytechnic admissions, ex-



aminations, diploma examinations and other academic matters, Vivek Venkataswamy said. “There will be no change in the examination system for students,” the Minister clarified. He said the existing cadre and sanctioned strength of employees in the polytechnic division would be retained and there would be no job cuts. The government would fully protect the service conditions of polytechnic employees, he assured. Their status as government employees, pay scales, DA, increments, seniority, promotions, GPF, PRAN, gratuity and other pensionary benefits would continue unchanged, he said. As part of efforts to strengthen industry linkages in polytechnic education, the government had entered into a 10-year MoU with Tata Technologies Limited involving an investment of Rs 2,300 crore, the Minister said. He added that 65 ITIs in Telangana had already been developed as Advanced Technology Centres. More than 200 MoUs had also been signed with

industries covering placements, training, apprenticeships, internships and curriculum upgradation, he said. The Minister announced that a dedicated placement cell would be established in every polytechnic college in the State. Through YISU, the government would leverage partnerships with various countries to create international employment opportunities for polytechnic students, he said. Vivek Venkataswamy said four clusters in Telangana had been selected under the Prime Minister's PM SETU scheme to promote skill development through the public-private partnership (PPP) model.

Tributes to Former PM Rajiv Gandhi in Sircilla

Grand tribute paid under the aegis of the Town Congress

Rajanna Sircilla, Aug 20: Celebrations marking the birth anniversary of former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi were held on a grand scale in Sircilla town. On Thursday, tributes were paid to the late leader at the local Gandhi Chowk under the leadership of Sircilla Town Congress President Sura Devaraju. To mark the occasion, forms for new voter registration were distributed to youths who had attained the age of 18. Speaking at the event, District Congress Presi-

dent Sangeetham Srinivas and District Library Chairman Nagula Satyanarayana Goud highlighted Rajiv Gandhi’s numerous reforms and his steadfast support for the downtrodden and weaker sections of society. They noted that he ushered in the computer and telecom revolution in India, thereby laying a strong foundation for the country’s current IT sector. It was noted that significant prominence was given to women in politics by providing 33% reservation in local



bodies, and that the voting age was lowered from 21 to 18 to create political opportunities for the youth. Participants in the event included Market Committee Chairperson Velumala Swarupa, SC Cell State General Secretary Akunuri Balaraju, Congress Party District Women’s President Kamuni Vanitha.



District Secures Second Place at State Level for Anti-Drug Awareness Efforts : District SP Mahesh B. Githe

Rajanna Sircilla, Aug 20: District SP Mahesh B. Githe stated that the district police force is moving forward with a coordinated approach to transform Rajanna Sircilla into a district free from ganja and other drugs. Extensive awareness programs were conducted by the police department as part of the anti-drug awareness week observed across the state from June 22 to 26, coinciding with the International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking. Campaigns were carried out to educate the public about the harmful effects of drug abuse and to prevent the youth from falling prey to drugs, actively involving schools, colleges, the youth, and the general public. The State ‘Eagle Force’ selected the district for second place at the state level in recognition of the effective execution of anti-drug awareness programs and the successful creation of widespread public awareness. Speaking on the oc-

casional, District SP Mahesh B. Githe stated that eradicating drug abuse is not possible for the police department alone and urged the public, parents, students, and the youth to actively participate and cooperate. He specifically called upon the youth to stay away from drugs, emphasized the need for everyone to be aware of the harmful consequences of drug use.

Possession Notice				
Whereas, IFL-HFL, under the provisions of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (54 of 2002) ("said Act") and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (12) of the said Act read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 ("said Rules") issued a demand notice calling upon the borrower/co-borrower, guarantors, mortgagors to repay the amount, details of which are mentioned in the table below. And whereas subsequently, IFL-HFL has vide Assignment Agreement dated 30-11-2025 assigned all its rights, title, interest and benefits in respect of the debts due and payable by the borrower/guarantor(s)/mortgagor(s) arising out of the facilities advanced by IFL-HFL, Bank to borrower/ guarantor(s) alongwith the underlying Immovable Property to Asset Reconstruction Company (India) Limited acting in its capacity as Trustee of Arcil Arcil - Trust-2026 - 015 for the benefit of the holders of Security Receipts. Therefore, in view of the said assignment, Arcil now stands substituted in the place of IFL-HFL and Arcil shall be entitled to institute/continue all and any proceedings against the borrower/ guarantor(s)/mortgagor(s) and to enforce the rights and benefits under the financial documents including the enforcement of guarantee and security interest executed and created by the borrower/guarantor(s)/mortgagor(s) for the financial facilities availed by them. The borrower/ guarantor(s)/ mortgagor(s) having failed to repay the said amounts, notice is hereby given to the borrower/guarantor(s)/mortgagor(s) in particular and the public in general that the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of Arcil has taken possession of the underlying Immovable Property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Sub-Section (4) of Section 13 of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said Rules on "AS IS WHERE IS & WHATEVER THERE IS BASIS" on the date mentioned below.				
Name of the Borrower (s) /Co-Borrower(s)	Description of the Secured Asset (Immovable Property)	Total Outstanding Dues (IN Rs.)	Date of Demand Notice	Date of Possession
Mr. Kistiah Matta Mrs. Pushpa Rani Matta (Prospect No IL10159450)	All that piece & parcel of: 305, Floor No. 3, T. Thirumala Ashoka Arcade, Sy No.10, Medipally Village And Mandal Medchal-Malkajgiri District 500098 Area Admeasuring (In Sq. Ft.): Property Type: Saleable Area, Carpet Area Property Area: 1057.00, 813.00 Bounded By: North: As Per The Title Documents And Technical Reports South: As Per The Title Documents And Technical Reports East: As Per The Title Documents And Technical Reports West: As Per The Title Documents And Technical Reports	Rs.2963445.1/- Rupees Twenty Nine Lakh Eighty Three Thousand Four Hundred Forty Five & paise Fifty Three Only	06-01-2026	17-08-2026
Mr. Madhu Kondam Mrs. Thokala Deepika (Prospect No IL10229622)	All that piece & parcel of Plot No.15 Middle Part, Part A, in Sy.No.222 Situated At Block No.3, Shatnathi Nagar, Uppal Bagayath Village, Uppal Mandal, Medchal Malkajgiri Dist. T.S 500039 Area Admeasuring (in Sq. Ft.): Property Type: Area, Admeasuring Property Area: 639 Bounded By: Plot No.15 Northern Part South: Plot No.15 Southern Part East: Plot Nos.13 & 14 West: 40 Wide Road	Rs.3348828.53/- Rupees Thirty Three Lakh Forty Eight Thousand Eight Hundred Twenty Eight & paise Fifty Three Only	06-01-2026	17-08-2026
Mr. Subbarao Kamisetty Mr.Sai Kiran Kamisetty Mrs.Nagamani Kamisetty Erect Construction Building Material Supplier (Prospect No IL10325273)	All that piece & parcel of H.No.4-6-137/31c1, Plot No.102, Sy.Nos.181, 182, Mossapet Village, Kukatpally Mandal, Medchal-Malkajgiri District, Telangana 500015 Area Admeasuring (In Sq. Ft.): Property Type: Land, Area, Built up, Area Property Area: 846.00, 2520.00 Bounded By: North: House No.4-6-137/31a1, On Plot No.101 South: Part Of House No.4-6-137/31c1 On Part Of Plot No. East: 20feet Wide Road West: House No.4-6-137/C On Plot No.102/1	Rs.3140266.92/- Rupees Thirty One Lakh Forty Thousand Two Hundred Sixty Six & paise ninety two Only	05-01-2026	18-08-2026
The borrower/guarantor(s)/mortgagor(s) in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned that Arcil is in the lawful possession of the Immovable Property mentioned above and under Section 13(13) of the SARFAESI Act, 2002, the borrower/guarantor(s)/mortgagor(s) or any person whatsoever, shall after receipt of this notice not transfer by way of sale, lease or otherwise deal with/ alienate the Immovable Property without prior written consent of Arcil and any dealings with the Immovable Property will be subject to the charge of Arcil for the amount as mentioned above along with future interest at the contractual rate on the aforesaid amount together with incidental expenses, cost, charges etc. The borrowers/guarantors/mortgagors' attention is invited to the provisions of the Sub-Section (6) of Section 13 of the said Act, in respect of time available to redeem the above-mentioned Immovable Property.				
Place: Telangana Date: 21-08-2026 Sd/- Authorised Officer, Asset Reconstruction Company (India) Ltd. (In capacity as Trustee)				
ASSET RECONSTRUCTION COMPANY (INDIA) LTD. CIN No.-U65999MH2002PLC134884 Registered Office: The Ruby, 10th Floor, 29 Senapati Bapat Marg, Dadar (West), Mumbai-400028. Tel: +91 226581300. Website: www.arcil.co.in				



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DEMAND NOTICE

The following Borrower(s) and Co-borrower(s) has/have defaulted in the repayment of principal and interest towards the Loan facility(ies) availed from Vistaar Financial Services Private Limited. The Loan(s) has/have been classified as Non-Performing Asset(s) (NPA). A notice was issued to them under section 13(2) of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 of their last known addresses; However, it has not been served and are therefore being notified by way if this Public Notice.

Customer's Information

1: Loan No- 0301SBML00071: Date of Demand Notice- 14/08/2026 : Borrower Name - Mr./Ms. Kolthuri Srinivas C/O KolthuriChander. Co-Borrower Name -Mr./Ms. Kolthuri Vinoda C/O KolthuriPochaiah: Total Outstanding- ₹20, 70, 781/- as on 07/08/2026. Description of the Property- Open Place Mg.PH.No: 2-22/9 Parkiband Village, Manoharabad Mandal, Medak Distl and bounded as follows: On or towards the East by- Open Place of Burt Yadaiah On or towards the West by- Road On or towards the North by- Open Place OIB. Mallesh. On or towards the South by- Open Place Of T. Anja Goud

Notice, is therefore given to the Borrower(s) and Co-borrower(s), as mentioned herein above, calling upon them to make payment of the total outstanding amount as shown herein above against the respective Borrower(s) and Co-Borrower(s), within 60 days of publication of this notice. Failure to make payment of the total outstanding amount together with further interest by the respective Borrower(s) and Co-Borrower(s), Vistaar shall be constrained to take u/s 13(4) for enforcement of security interest upon properties as described above, steps are also being taken for service of notice in other manners as prescribed under the Act and the rules made hereunder. You are put to notice that the said mortgage can be redeemed upon payment of the entire amount due together with costs, charges and expenses incurred by Vistaar at any time before the date of publication of notice for public auction or private treaty for transfer by way of sale, as detailed under subsection (4) of Section 13 of SARFAESI Act.

Date: 21-08-2026 Place: Medak

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Chennai corporation sets September 30 deadline for employers to remit professional tax

Chennai, Aug 20 : The Greater Chennai Corporation (GCC) has directed all public and private sector employers operating within the city limits to deduct professional tax from the salaries of eligible employees for August and remit the amount to the civic body by September 30. The directive is mandatory for establishments covered under the professional tax provisions, and employers have been asked to ensure that deductions and payments are completed within the prescribed deadline. Professional tax is collected on a half-yearly basis according to the gross income of employees. The levy is governed by Section 117-C of the Tamil Nadu Urban Local Bodies Act.

HIMTEX 2026 opens in Hyd, showcasing next-gen manufacturing technology

Hyderabad, Aug 20 : The ninth edition of the Hyderabad International Machine Tool & Engineering Exhibition (HIMTEX) 2026 opened at the HITEX Exhibition Centre in Madhapur, bringing together around 300 exhibitors from the manufacturing and engineering sectors. The five-day exhibition, which will continue until August 24, is expected to attract more than 20,000 visitors from across India. It showcases the latest developments

in machine tools, robotics, industrial automation, engineering solutions and smart manufacturing. The exhibition was inaugurated by Swathi Chalamalasetty, director of Ace urban group and AM Green, and Rajesh Kumar Yadav, additional director, MSME DFO, Hyderabad.



MP Cabinet clears National Soya Institute, major projects worth Rs 48,000 cr

Bhopal, Aug 20 : The Madhya Pradesh Council of Ministers has approved a series of significant decisions covering road infrastructure, public health, farmers' welfare and women's empowerment, with total proposals valued at nearly Rs 48,000 crore. As a special initiative during the 'Year of the Farmer,' the Cabinet approved the permanent lease of 20 hectares of land in Bhaukhedi village, Ichhawar tehsil of Sehore district, for the National Soybean Research Institute.



The land will be used to establish a Krishi Vigyan Kendra to strengthen soybean research and benefit farmers across the state, a press release issued here on Tuesday said.

Cong leader's 'similar sentiment in India' swipe over US shooting sparks row, BJP slams 'anti-India' mindset

New Delhi, Aug 20 : A political controversy erupted after Congress MLA Vijay Wadettiwar commented on the recent shooting incident at the White House Correspondents' Dinner, with the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) accusing him of appearing to justify the attack on US President Donald Trump. Responding to the remarks, the BJP stated that such statements reflected deep-rooted hostility towards Prime Minister Narendra Modi, indicating a broader "anti-national mindset". BJP National Spokesperson C. R. Kesavan told IANS, "The Congress Party's prejudiced hatred against Prime Minister Narendra Modi and its virulent anti-Modi mindset have now dangerously decayed into an anti-India mindset and sheer hatred for our own country. Congress leader Vijay Wadettiwar's alarming remarks justifying the shooting incident in connection with President Trump,

not be visible through protests on the streets, drawing sharp criticism from the ruling party. Responding to the remarks, the BJP stated that such statements reflected deep-rooted hostility towards Prime Minister Narendra Modi, indicating a broader "anti-national mindset". BJP National Spokesperson C. R. Kesavan told IANS, "The Congress Party's prejudiced hatred against Prime Minister Narendra Modi and its virulent anti-Modi mindset have now dangerously decayed into an anti-India mindset and sheer hatred for our own country. Congress leader Vijay Wadettiwar's alarming remarks justifying the shooting incident in connection with President Trump,



and also insinuating that such an incident could happen in India with PM Modi, are vile, most condemnable, and deplorable." He further attacked Wadettiwar's past statements, saying, "What more can you expect from this disgraceful Congress leader? This was the same leader who gave a clean chit to Pakistan and its terrorists in the 26/11 attacks when

he said that Hemant Karkare was not killed by Ajmal Kasab." "This is the pattern of not just Wadettiwar's but of how the Congress party works. This is the same party which raised the atrocious slogans against the Prime Minister, and its chief, Kharge, called PM Modi a terrorist.

Komatireddy urges voters to verify names in electoral rolls

Nalgonda, Aug 20 : Minister for Roads & Buildings and Cinematography Komatireddy Venkat Reddy urged people to remain vigilant about the ongoing Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls and ensure that their names are duly registered. The Minister advised voters to carefully verify their names in the electoral rolls. If a

name is missing from the draft electoral roll, the voter can file a claim or objection and seek restoration of their vote with the assistance of local Booth Level Agents (BLAs) and Booth Level Officers (BLOs), he said. "Voting is a constitutional right guaranteed to every citizen. I urge leaders to pay special attention to the issue and ensure that no eligible voter is left out," the Minister said.



Komatireddy Venkat Reddy was speaking after paying floral tributes to the statue of former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi in Nalgonda town on Thursday.

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SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES
"APPENDIX- IV-A [See proviso to Rule 6 (2) & 8 (6)]
E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 6 (2) & 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.
Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the constructive/ physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Bank of Baroda, Kadipikonda Branch Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" for recovery of below mentioned accounts. The details of Borrower/s/Guarantor/s/Secured Asset/s/Dues/Reserve Price/e-Auction date & Time, EMD and Bid Increase Amount are mentioned below-

Sr. No.	Name & address of Borrower/s / Guarantor / Mortgage/s	Give short description of the immovable property with known encumbrances, if any	Total Dues	Date & Time of E-auction	Reserve Price, EMD, & Bid Increase Amount	Status of Possession (Constructive/ Physical)	Property Inspection date & Time
1	Sri Bommakanti Eshwaraiiah H No:11-25-291, Kothawada, Waranagall, Telanagana 506002	EMDTD of land and building constructed in sy 78 plot no 19 near h no 45-9-2 at AP housing board colony, Keerthi nagar colony, Gorekunta, Warangal 506002 and it is bounded by East: H.no. 45-9-2 H.no. 2 LIG -1 West: 45-9-1 H.no.1 LIG 1, North: 25 wide road South: 30 wide road.	Rs. 41,04,811/-	08.09.2026 Auction ID: 345308	RP: Rs.25,17,966/- and EMD: Rs.2,51,796/-	Physical	Up to 07.09.2026 from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM

For detailed terms and conditions of sale, please refer to the link provided in <https://www.bankoffbaroda.in/e-auction.html> and <https://libapi.in>. Also, Mobile 8367788539.

Date: 21-08-2026, Place: Warangal

Sd/- Chief Manager & Authorised Officer, Bank of Baroda

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Customer's Information
1: Loan No- 0273SBML00036: Date of Demand Notice- 14/08/2026 : Borrower Name - Mr./Ms. Abdulla Shaik C/O Nyamath Shaik: Co-Borrower Name -Mr./Ms. Nyamath Shaik C/O Moddin Shaik, Mr./Ms. Shaik Khairun Bi C/O Shaik Nyamath: Total Outstanding- ₹21,93,072/- as on 07/08/2026: Description of the Property-The House Situated Old House Bearing Nos.11-34, 11-34A, 11-34B, Now The Municipal Door Numbers 4-289, 4-288 And 4-287, In Survey Number 472, And Situated At In Nandikotkur Town, Kurnool District, With In The Sub Registration Of Nandikotkur And District Registration Of Kurnool, All The House Numbers Is Having One Boundary. Boundaries Mentioned In Sale Deed Doct No. 3116/2018 and bounded as follows: On or towards the East by- House Of Prakash Patel On or towards the West by-Two Yards Rashtra On or towards the North by- Talaaq Office Road On or towards the South by- House Of Charukondachinnachandrudu
Notice, is therefore given to the Borrower(s) and Co-borrower(s), as mentioned herein above, calling upon them to make payment of the total outstanding amount as shown herein above against the respective Borrower(s) and Co-Borrower(s), within 60 days of publication of this notice. Failure to make payment of the total outstanding amount together with further interest by the respective Borrower(s) and Co-Borrower(s), Vistaar shall be constrained to take u/s 13(4) for enforcement of security interest upon properties as described above, steps are also being taken for service of notice in other manners as prescribed under the Act and the rules made hereunder. You are put to notice that the said mortgage can be redeemed upon payment of the entire amount due together with costs, charges and expenses incurred by Vistaar at any time before the date of publication of notice for public auction or private treaty for transfer by way of sale, as detailed under subsection (4) of Section 13 of SARFAESI Act.
Vistaar Financial Services Private Limited
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JANA SMALL FINANCE BANK
(A Scheduled Commercial Bank)

Registered Office: The Fairway, Ground & First Floor, Survey No.10/1, 11/2 & 12/2B, Off Domlur, Koramangala Inner Ring Road, Next to EGL Business Park, Challaghatta, Bangalore-560071.

E-AUCTION NOTICE
PUBLIC NOTICE FOR SALE THROUGH E-AUCTION UNDER THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT (SARFAESI ACT) 2002, READ WITH PROVISIO RULE 8(6) & 9 OF SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES 2002.
The undersigned as authorised officer of **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited** has taken possession of the following property in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(4) of the SARFAESI ACT. The Borrower in particular and public at large are informed that online auction (e-auction) of the mortgage property in the below mentioned account for realisation of dues of the Bank will be held on **"AS IS WHERE IS BASIS "** and **"AS IS WHAT IS BASIS"** on the date as prescribed as here under.

Sr. No.	Loan Account Number	Name of Original Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor	Date of 13-2 Notice	Date of Possession	Present Outstanding balance as on 11.08.2026	Date & Time of Inspection of the property	Reserve Price in INR	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) in INR	Date and Time of E-Auction	Last Date Time & Place for submission of Bid
1	47489420000731	1) Mr. Kompalli Surendra, S/o. Kompalli Prakash Rao, 2) Mrs. Kompalli Sarojini, W/o. Mr. Kompalli Surendra	12-03-2026	21-05-2026	Rs. 48,99,424.89 (Rupees Forty Eight Lakh Ninety Nine Thousand Four Hundred Twenty Four and Eighty Nine Paise Only)	03.09.2026 Time 09:30 AM to 05:00 PM	Rs.40,40,000/- (Rupees Forty Lakh Forty Thousand Only)	Rs.4,04,000/- (Rupees Four Lakh Four Thousand Only)	09.09.2026 @ 02:00 PM	08.09.2026 Till 5.00 PM Jana Small Finance Bank, Head Office - The Fairway, Ground & First Floor, Survey No. 10/1, 11/2 & 12/2B, Off Domlur, Koramangala Inner Ring Road, Next to EGL Business Park, Challaghatta, Bangalore -560071.

Details of Secured Assets: All that the semi-Finished Residential Flat Bearing No.401, in the Fourth Floor, with built up area 960.00 Square Feet, and car parking area 100.00 Square Feet, (including common areas), along with an undivided shre of land measuring 33.00 Square yards or equivalent to 27.58 square meters, (out of 891.55 Square Yards), in the building known as "JK RESIDENCY", constructed on premises bearing plot no's 31,32 & 33, In SY No's 1, 1/A, 1/AA, 1/E, 2, 2/A, 2/AA,2/E,2/AA,31,31A,31/AA,31/E,(vide layout proceedings No.108788/22/12/2016/HO/171, dated 19-02-2018) situated at MAHADEVPUR VILLAGE, Under Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation, Alwal Circle, the then Malkajigiri Mandal, Ranga Reddy District, now newly formed as alwal mandal, Medchal - Malkajigiri District and bounded as follows: North By: Flat No.402, South By: Open To Sky, East By: Corridor, West By: Open To Sky.
The properties are being held on **"AS IS WHERE IS BASIS"** & **"AS IS WHAT IS BASIS"** and the E-Auction will be conducted **"On Line"**. The auction will be conducted through the Bank's approved service provider **M/s. Auctionbazaar.com** at the web portal contact@auctionbazaar.com, support@auctionbazaar.com, eauctions@auctionbazaar.com. For more information and For details, help, procedure and online training on e-auction, prospective bidders may contact **M/s. Auctionbazaar.com**; Contact **Auctionbazaar** Contact Number: 8377969696/ 7997043999. Email id: contact@auctionbazaar.com, support@auctionbazaar.com.
For further details on terms and conditions to take part in e-auction proceedings and any for any query relating to property please contact **Jana Small Finance Bank** authorised officers **Mr. Umesh (Mob. No.8050149617), Mr. Ranjan Naik (Mob. No.6362952653) & Mr. Kaushik B (Mob. No.7019949040)**. To the best of knowledge and information of the Authorised Officer, there are no encumbrances on the properties. However the intending bidders should make their own independent inquiries regarding the encumbrances, title of property put on prior to submitting their bid. No conditional bid will be accepted. This is also a notice to the above named Borrowers/ Guarantor/s/ Mortgageors about e-auction scheduled for the mortgaged properties. The Borrower/ Guarantor/ Mortgageor are hereby notified to pay the sum as mentioned above along with up to date interest and ancillary expenses before the date of auction, failing which the property will be sold and balance dues if any will be recovered with interest and cost.
Date: 20.08.2026, Place: Hyderabad
Sd/- Authorized Officer, Jana Small Finance Bank Limited

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India, Namibia agree to boost trade and investment ties

India and Namibia have agreed to strengthen bilateral trade beyond a raw-material-based composition towards value addition, set up investment focal points and new working groups on pharmaceuticals and services at a two-day meeting between official delegations of the two countries, which concluded here on Tuesday. The two countries have also identified structured cooperation across exploration, offtake, processing and downstream beneficiation of critical minerals such as lithium, graphite, copper, cobalt, and rare earth elements, in line with Namibia's priorities of value addition and local employment creation. The two sides have designated Invest India and the Namibia Investment Promotion and Development Board as Joint Trade Committee (JTC) investment focal points, with a named official on each side, according to an official statement issued after the meeting. Closer cooperation has been identified in railways and rolling stock, solar and wind power, battery storage, transmission, green hydrogen, biofuels, and desalination. A dedicated Services Working Group will also be constituted, which will meet no later than February 2027 and submit its work plan to the JTC. Namibian participation has been invited in India's Special Notified Zones at Surat and Mumbai and in the India Rough Gemstones Sourcing Show, together with training support in diamond cutting, polishing and jewellery design. The first Joint Working Group under the Memorandum of Understanding on Cooperation in the Field of Health and Medicine will be convened by December 2026, while the Janaushadhi cooperation agreement with HLL Lifecare Limited is at an advanced stage of finalisation. A decision was taken for the continued rollout of the instant payment system built on India's Unified Payments Interface, unveiled in Namibia as "Wayame" on 15 June 2026, with proposals for a FinTech Cooperation Framework between the Reserve Bank of India and the Bank of Namibia. Besides, the terms of reference have been finalised for the India-SACU PTA and scheduled for signature on 12 August 2026, with negotiations to commence within one month of signature and to conclude within one year, the statement added. Cooperation was also taken forward at the session on agriculture and food security, MSMEs, textiles, tourism, and sports. The Fifth Session of the JTC will be held in Namibia in 2028 on dates to be mutually agreed through diplomatic channels, the statement added. The Indian delegation at the India-Namibia Joint Trade Committee (JTC) was led by Amit Kumar, Joint Secretary, Department of Commerce, while the Namibian delegation was headed by Ndiitah Nghipondoka-Robiati. The bilateral merchandise trade between India and Namibia rose to \$592.94 million in 2025-26 from \$568.40 million in 2024-25, with India's exports at \$349.09 million and imports at \$243.85 million. Trade in services grew by 7.34 per cent to \$380 million in calendar year 2024. India's engineering exports grew by 124.06 per cent to \$30.24 million, led by motor vehicles and components. Exports of pharmaceuticals and medical devices reached \$36.50 million, with India being Namibia's second-largest pharmaceutical source with a 16.4 per cent share.

South Korean President Lee says state's primary duty is to protect people's lives, safety

Seoul, Aug 20 : South Korean President Lee Jae Myung on Thursday reiterated that the state's primary duty is to ensure the safety of the people and protect their lives.

Lee made the remarks in a ceremony marking the opening of the country's first hospital dedicated to treating first responders. "The primary duty of the state is to protect its people's lives and safety," Lee said in a speech, Yonhap News Agency reported.



Firefighters are at the forefront of carrying out this duty at accident sites and in disasters, the president noted, highlighting that thanks to their efforts, the public can go about their daily lives safely and peacefully.

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Texas court orders care for surrogate baby

Washington, Aug 20 : A Texas court has ordered that life-saving medical care be provided to a baby diagnosed before birth with a serious heart condition, after the state intervened in a dispute involving a surrogate mother and the child's intended parents. Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton announced Saturday that his office had secured the emergency order in a Dallas County parentage case involving the unborn child, identified as baby Gabriel. The child has been diagnosed in utero with hypoplastic left heart syndrome, which requires surgical intervention shortly after birth, according to the Texas Attorney General's Office. The surrogate mother travelled to Texas to seek protection and medical care for the baby.



Nepal: Eight community projects to be implemented with Indian assistance

Kathmandu, Aug 20 : The Embassy of India in Nepal and several Nepali government agencies on Thursday signed Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) to implement eight projects in the education, health and agriculture sectors with Indian grant assistance, the Indian Embassy said. The eight projects, with a combined estimated cost of NPR 803 million, will be implemented through local authorities and institutions of the Government of Nepal. The projects, selected under India's High Impact Community Development Projects (HICDPs), will be implemented in various parts of the country, according to the Embassy. The MoUs were signed between the Embassy of India in Kathmandu, Nepal's Ministry of Land Management, Cooperatives, Federal Affairs and General Administration, and the project implementing agencies of the Nepali government. The projects include the digitalisation of B P Koirala Institute of Health and Sciences (BPKIHS) in Dharan, Sunsari District; construction of a Krishi Utpadan Sankalan Tatha Bikri Kendra in Temkemaityung Rural Municipality, Bhojpur District; and construction of a Municipal Agricultural and Livestock Center Building in Jwalamukhi Ru-



ral Municipality, Dhading District. Similarly, the projects include construction of the building of Belbari Multiple Campus in Belbari Municipality, Morang District; a 10-bed hospital in Dungeshwor Rural Municipality, Dailekh District; an Agriculture Promotion Centre in Sarkegad Rural Municipality, Humla District; a cold store in Kaligandaki Rural Municipality, Syangja District; and a 15-bed hospital building in Barju Rural Municipality, Sunsari District. According to the Embassy of India, the projects are aimed at supporting development in priority sectors, including health, education and agriculture. Since 2003, the Government of India has undertaken 605 HICDPs across Nepal, including the eight projects covered by the latest MoUs, the Embassy said. Of the total projects, 512 have

been completed in areas including health, education, agriculture, drinking water, connectivity, sanitation and the creation of public utilities, while the remaining projects are at various stages of implementation. The Embassy said the implementation of HICDPs reflects India's continued support for Nepal's development efforts and infrastructure enhancement in priority sectors. India and Nepal, as close neighbours, are engaged in wide-ranging and multi-sectoral cooperation, the Embassy said, adding that HICDPs are part of the ongoing development cooperation between the two countries. "For over seven decades, India and Nepal have been partners in efforts towards shared progress and prosperity. A key pillar of this partnership is the High Impact Community Development Projects (HICDPs) programme.

Working to hold institutions accountable: Afghanistan on UNAMA's call for transparency

Kabul, Aug 20 : The Taliban regime in Afghanistan on Thursday responded to the United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan (UNAMA) report on the lack of transparency and accountability in Afghan security institutions, attributing the current secure and stable situation in the war-torn country to the work being done by the security forces. Zabihullah Mujahid, spokesman for the Afghan National Security Agency, said that there may be problems in some cases but activities of the security forces have resulted in the current 'security

and stability' in the country, Afghanistan-based Khaama Press reported. He was responding to the 38-page UNAMA's report on Security Sector Accountability in Afghanistan which was released on Monday and examined efforts taken by the 'de facto' authorities since August 2021 to provide oversight and accountability of its primary security institutions, while identifying gaps in transparency and actions. The report noted the steps taken by the authorities to promote discipline and oversight, including through directives and internal monitoring units within the main security institutions and by



establishing new bodies mandated to address misconduct of security personnel. "UNAMA found that while such steps have been taken, they have not been accompanied by sufficient transparency on oversight and accountability measures by de facto security institutions. These include by bodies established for this purpose, namely the de facto

Security and Filtration Commission, the de facto High Directorate of Supervision and Monitoring of Decrees and Edicts, the de facto Ministry of Propagation of Virtue and Prevention of Vice (MPVPV) Commission for Hearing Complaints, and the de facto Supreme Court," UNAMA said in a press statement.

Indian Navy Chief holds talks with top Mauritian officials, discusses maritime security cooperation



Port Louis, Aug 20 : Indian Navy Chief Admiral Krishna Swaminathan on Thursday held a series of talks with senior officials of the Mauritian government, discussing ways to strengthen bilateral maritime security cooperation between the two countries. The officials included Rampersad Soorojeebally, Commissioner of Police, Mauritius Police Force and Kan Oye Fong Weng-Poorun, Secretary for Home and Defence Affairs, Government of Mauritius. Admiral Swaminathan also met India's High Commissioner to Mauritius, Anurag Srivastava, exploring new avenues for collaboration between the two countries.

Japan: 11 injured after fire erupts at elementary school in Tokyo

Tokyo, Aug 20 : As many as 11 people, including eight children, were injured after a fire erupted at an elementary school in Japan's Tokyo on Thursday, local media reported citing authorities. Majority of the injured suffered smoke inhalation at the school in Kita Ward while two students broke their arms and a female teacher fractured her pelvis, authorities said. The fire incident was reported at around 11 am (local time), according to the local fire department. The fire erupted in a storage room next to the music classroom of the school building and the blaze was contained by around 1:45 pm (local time), Japan-based Kyodo News reported. No sprinkler system was installed in the room where the fire broke out. Classes were being conducted when the fire erupted. Fifth class students, including eight, who were taken to the hospital were in the music classroom while firefighters rescued three students and a female teacher. The authorities said all students were evacuated to the schoolyard, Kyodo News reported. An 11-year-old boy who was taking a class when the fire erupted said, "We

called out 'Calm down' with teachers, but it was very scary." Earlier in February, five people were killed after a fire erupted at a temple in Yamaguchi prefecture of Japan. Local fire authorities received an emergency call, which reported that fire had erupted at a two-storey wooden temple in Shimonoseki, which has a residential area connected to it, Xinhua News Agency had reported, citing public broadcaster NHK. Three buildings, including the temple's main hall and residential quarters were destroyed in the fire.



Kazakhstan: Indian Envoy, Almaty Guv discuss cooperation

Astana, Aug 20 : India’s Ambassador to Kazakhstan, Y.K. Sailas Thangal, on Thursday met Marat Sultangaziyev, governor of Almaty Region, in the city of Konaev and discussed strengthening cooperation in trade and investment opportunities. “India’s Ambassador to Kazakhstan, Y.K. Sailas Thangal, held a fruitful meeting with the Akim of Almaty Region in the city of Konaev. During the meeting, ways to further strengthen cooperation between India and Kazakhstan were discussed, particularly issues related to expanding trade and investment opportunities in the cities of Alatau and Konaev,” the Embassy of India in Kazakhstan stated on X. “New directions for deepening bilateral commercial cooperation were considered.



US senators flag student visa delays



Washington, Aug 20 : A group of 30 US senators on Thursday urged the State Department to address delays in student and exchange visitor visas, warning that applicants may be unable to enter the country before the new academic year begins. Sen. Alex Padilla of California, the ranking Democrat on the Senate Judiciary Immigration Subcommittee, led the lawmakers in raising concerns about the lack of timely appointments for F, M and J visas at some US embassies and consulates. “We urge the State Department to ensure timely processing of F, M, and J student and exchange visitor nonimmigrant visas, consistent with the approach taken by administrations of both parties in the past,

and to implement other measures to avoid diminishing US competitiveness,” the senators wrote to Secretary of State Marco Rubio. “Specifically, we are hearing from constituents and stakeholders that no timely visa appointments are available for students at some embassies and consulates. This only exacerbates uncertainty about whether students’ visas will be processed in time for them to travel to the United States to begin their studies.” The warning could have significant implications for students from India, one of the largest sources of international enrolment at US universities. The letter did not identify the countries or diplomatic posts experiencing appointment shortages.

Indian envoy, Nigerian Defence Minister discuss strengthening bilateral defence cooperation

Abuja, Aug 20 : In a significant move towards enhancing defence partnership, Indian High Commissioner to Nigeria Abhishek Singh met Nigerian Defence Minister, Christopher Gwabin Musa, and discussed the ongoing progress in bilateral defence cooperation. In a statement shared on X on Thursday, the Indian High Commission in Abuja posted: “HC Abhishek Singh met H.E. General Christopher Gwabin Musa (Rtd.), Honourable Minister of Defence of Nigeria, on the sidelines of a diplomatic event today and briefed him on the ongoing developments in India–Nigeria defence cooperation.”



At least 250,000 girls in UK gang raped overwhelmingly by Pakistanis linked to grooming gangs

London, Aug 20 : At least 250,000 girls and likely more were subjected to gang rape, trafficking, torture, and coerced pregnancy over several decades, with the perpetrators overwhelmingly being of Pakistani Muslim heritage and the enabling institutions overwhelmingly of the British state, according to a 219-page report released by a privately funded parliamentary inquiry into organised child sexual exploitation in the United Kingdom (UK). The Rape Gang Inquiry, chaired by Reform UK MP Rupert Lowe and led operationally by survivor and advocate Sammy Woodhouse, was funded by over 20,000 donors. It did not have statutory powers, however, it included testimony from sur-

vivors, whistleblowers, politicians, and experts across multiple public hearings, according to a report in US-based South Asian TV network Diya TV. According to the report, the inquiry was started as the state and its institutions had “failed catastrophically over decades.” Police, social services, schools, the NHS, licensing authorities, and successive governments at local and national level allowed organised networks of men to operate with what the report termed as the “active or passive consent of the British state.” The report has included the first recorded case of Pakistani gang rape in UK in 1955, when four Bradford-based Pakistani men were charged with raping a 15-year-old girl from Middlesbrough.

Suspect targeted administration officials in attempted WH attack: Acting US A-G

Washington, Aug 20 : Acting US Attorney General Todd Blanche said on Thursday that investigators believe the suspect in the attempted attack near the White House was targeting members of the administration, as federal authorities continued to sift through evi-

dence gathered overnight. “This investigation is just over 12 hours old, so we are still actively examining everything that happened. As of now, we have collected a fair amount of evidence, which we are going through,” Blanche said in an interview with Margaret Brennan on CBS’s ‘Face

the Nation’. Blanche said the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), working alongside local police and the United States Secret Service, executed multiple search warrants, including at a residence in California and a hotel room in Washington where the suspect had been staying. “We do believe,



based on a very preliminary understanding of what happened, that he was targeting members of the administration,” Blanche said, adding that investigators were still working to determine the motive and whether the suspect acted alone. Authorities said the suspect is not cooperating and is expected to be formally charged in federal court in Washington as early as Monday morning. Blanche noted that additional charges could follow as investigators assess “his

motive, his intent, his premeditation”. The suspect allegedly approached a security checkpoint with “a shotgun, handgun and multiple knives”, according to Blanche, and was “apprehended and subdued feet away from breaching the perimeter”. “That’s a testament to the Secret Service doing their job,” he said. “He was stopped before he got anywhere near the President... and that’s the great work of the Secret Service last night.”

US lawmaker leaves seat empty over deportation of Indian American



Washington, Aug 20 : A senior Democratic lawmaker has left his State of the Union guest seat empty to honour a 73-year-old Indian grandmother who was detained and deported by US immigration authorities. Congressman John Garamendi said he was dedicating the seat to his former constituent, Harjit Kaur, who was deported to India last year. “I am dedicating my State of the Union guest seat to my former constituent, 73-year-old grandmother Harjit Kaur. She is unfortunately unable to attend because she was cruelly deported to India in the dead of night,” Garamendi said in a statement. President Donald Trump is scheduled to deliver the State of the Union Address. “This seat is for her and every person across the country that’s been caged, detained, and killed at the hands of Trump’s secret police force. Let her empty seat be a stark symbol of the human cost of

Trump’s cruel deportation agenda.” Kaur, 73, had lived in the United States since the early 1990s. After her asylum case was denied in 2012, she complied with Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) check-ins in San Francisco every six months for more than 13 years. On September 8, 2025, she was detained during a routine check-in and held at an ICE facility in Bakersfield, California. The following day, she was transferred to the Mesa Verde Detention Facility. On September 19, at approximately 2:00 a.m., she was transported in handcuffs from Bakersfield to Los Angeles and flown to Georgia without notice to her attorney or family. Shortly thereafter, she was placed on a charter flight to India. Her whereabouts were unknown for more than 24 hours. Although her family had arranged commercial travel and planned to accompany her to India, she was deported without the opportunity to

say goodbye. “President Trump promised to go after the ‘worst of the worst’ in his immigration policy. Yet his administration’s decision to cruelly deport a 73-year-old grandmother with no criminal record—who faithfully reported to ICE every six months for more than 13 years—is one more example of the thousands of individuals across the country whose lives and families have been upended by Trump’s ICE,” Garamendi said. “Unfortunately, this has become far too common under Donald Trump’s mass deportation agenda. I dedicate this seat to Harjit, to her family, and to everyone affected by this rogue administration.” Congressman’s office said during her detention, Kaur was held for hours without a bed or chair, forced to sleep on the floor, shackled during transfers, denied vegetarian meals consistent with her religious beliefs, restricted from showering, denied access to prescribed medications, and denied adequate water. At one point, she was given only a bowl of ice after not receiving a meal for over a day. Her attorney said she received only one of several prescribed medications and did not see a doctor or nurse despite repeated requests. She had undergone double knee replacement surgery and suffered from thyroid disease and chronic migraines.

Rubio sees ‘much different’ future for Cuba

Washington, Aug 20 : US Secretary of State Marco Rubio has said he is confident Cuba will be placed on an “irreversible path” towards a different future before the Trump administration leaves office, describing change on the communist-ruled island as a US national interest. “I am confident that Cuba, by the time this administration’s over, before this administration ends, will be on an irreversible path towards a much different future,” Rubio said in an interview with The Katie Miller Podcast released by the State Department on Thursday. Rubio, a Cuban American who has long advocated a hard line against Havana, cautioned that any transformation would require time. He compared the process with political changes in Eastern Europe after decades of communist rule. “You can’t have something in place for 70 years, it grows roots, and then think overnight you’re just going to rip out the whole thing and put something

brand-new into the ground,” he said. “There’s a transition that has to happen and a process to get there. Eastern Europe is instructive of that. You saw it took countries in Eastern Europe three to five years to truly become what we know them to be today. Poland is probably the best example.” Rubio did not outline specific steps the administration planned to take against Cuba. He said, however, that the issue remained a priority because of its implications for the United States. “So I think Cuba will be on that path, well along that path. It has to be,” he said. “But certainly under this administration, given the priority it’s given Cuba, I like, you never guarantee anything, but it’s certainly a priority for us because it’s in our national interest.” Rubio acknowledged his personal connection with Cuba but said his approach was rooted in his responsibilities as America’s top diplomat.



UN experts raise concern over China's 'Ethnic Unity and Progress Law'

Beijing, Aug 20 : The International Campaign for Tibet (ICT), an international NGO, has welcomed the eight United Nations special mandate holders’ statement, challenging China’s implementation of its “Ethnic Unity and Progress Law” as the latest tool for the Chinese Community Party to enhance its “Sinicization” goal of forced cultural and linguistic assimilation of Tibetans and members of other communities.

In the Court of Honorable III Senior Civil Judge City Civil Court
A.t: Secunderabad
O.S. No. 245 of 2026
Between:
1) Manoj Bhagwandas Rawlani (alias Manoj Kumar) S/o Late Sri Bhagwandas Rawlani alias Sri Bhagwandas Chaturmal,
2) Kishore Kumar, S/o Late Sri Bhagwandas Rawlani alias Sri Bhagwandas Chaturmal, Both R/o 1-8-264/17, Plot No.19, Sindhi Colony, S.P. Road, Secunderabad-500003,
3) Ms. Sneha Gabba (Alias Ms. Manju Bhagwandas), D/o Late Sri Bhagwandas Rawlani alias Sri Bhagwandas Chaturmal, R/o 28, West, Shalimar Bagh S.O. North West Delhi, Delhi-110088. ...PLAINTIFFS
1) All Concerned
2) MRO/Secunderabad ...DEFENDANTS
Sir,
Please take notice that the above Suit is filed for declaration of Plaintiffs as legal heirs of the deceased late Sri Bhagwandas Chaturmal in respect of the Property mentioned in the Schedule. The above case is posted on 29.09.2026 at 10.30 AM before the Honorable III Senior Civil Judge Court at Secunderabad. If any person or persons have any objections in respect of the above Suit, they may appear in person or through Advocate. In case if none appear then the matter will be decided as ex-parte.
SCHEDULE OF PROPERTY: All that 1/3rd share in Bungalow bearing No.146/A, on Plot bearing No.3, in the Layout of the Hyderabad Displaced persons Housing Co-operative Society Ltd., admeasuring 276.66 Sq.Yds. or 232.15 Sq.Mtrs. situated at Prenderghast Road, Secunderabad bounded by: Boundaries: North: House on Bungalow No.146/A, South: Plot No.8 & 9, East: House on Plot No.4, West: 25 ft Road.
Sd/- Devakar P, Advocate, Plot No.180/P, Road No.4, Trimurthy Colony, Mahendra Hills, Secunderabad-500026.

Gujarat govt transfers Surat civic chief M Nagarajan amid Nasirnagar demolition controversy

Gandhinagar/Surat, Aug 20 : The Gujarat government on Thursday transferred Surat Municipal Commissioner M. Nagarajan, more than two months after the demolition of nearly 100 homes in the city's Nasirnagar area triggered a probe and scrutiny from the Gujarat High Court. According to a notification issued by the General Administration Department on Tuesday, Nagarajan, a 2009-batch IAS officer, has been appointed as State Project Di-

rector of the Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan in Gandhinagar. He will replace Ranjeeth Kumar J., IAS, who has been transferred and placed at the disposal of the Energy and Petrochemicals Department for appointment as Secretary of the Gujarat Electricity Regulatory Commission (GERC). Nagarajan's post in Surat will be taken over on an additional-charge basis by Surat Collector Tejas Parmar, a 2016-batch IAS officer.



Tejashwi Yadav targets Bihar govt over Siwan police action against students

Patna, Aug 20 : The controversy surrounding police action against students protesting alleged examination irregularities and paper leaks in Siwan has once again become a major political issue in Bihar. Leader of the Opposition (LoP) in Lok Sabha Rahul

Gandhi has been requested by RJD leader Tejashwi Yadav to visit Bihar, as Yadav criticised the state government and announced that he will raise the matter with the Governor. Speaking to the media, Yadav said he had not yet received a satisfactory explanation regarding the alleged firing during the police.



Modi Govt has ensured equitable distribution of welfare benefits: Jitendra Singh

Chandigarh, Aug 20 : Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) Dr Jitendra Singh said on Thursday that the defining feature of the last 12 years of the Modi Government has been the equitable distribution of welfare benefits to every deserving citizen without discrimination based on caste, creed, religion or considerations of vote-bank politics. Addressing a press conference here, on the completion of 12 years of the Government led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the minister said that this tenure has witnessed a fundamental transformation in the delivery of governance, with transparency, accountability and technology-driven implementation ensuring that public resources reach intended beneficiaries directly. The schemes relating to housing, sanitation, healthcare, financial inclusion, food security, clean cooking fuel and social security have collectively im-

proved the quality of life of millions of families across the country, he added. Welfare initiatives have reached the last mile through a saturation-based approach, ensuring that benefits are delivered solely based on eligibility and need, the minister observed. Referring to India's socio-economic progress during this period, Dr Jitendra Singh said that nearly 25 crore people have moved out of multidimensional poverty, reflecting the impact of sustained welfare interventions and inclusive growth policies. He said that the benefits of development have reached sections of society that had remained underserved for decades, thereby strengthening social equity and economic participation. The minister said that the democratisation of resources and opportunities has enabled wider participation in the development process.

Zero-tolerance policy against corruption in flood-control projects: Assam minister

Guwahati, Aug 20 : Assam Water Resources Minister Sushanta Borgohain on Thursday asserted that the state government would adopt a zero-tolerance approach against corruption and substandard work in embankment and flood-control projects, warning that even influential contractors would face strict action if found guilty of wrongdoing. Speaking to reporters here, Borgohain said the Water Resources Department has been closely monitoring ongoing anti-erosion and flood-protection works across the state and would not hesitate to lodge FIRs, blacklist contractors and initiate other puni-

tive measures against those involved in irregularities. "Even if a very well-known or influential person is found carrying out poor-quality work, we will take action. FIRs will be filed and the contractors will be blacklisted. Our objective is to ensure that the department remains trustworthy in the eyes of the people," the minister said.



Akali Dal slams Punjab CM for publicly challenging Akal Takht authority

Chandigarh, Aug 20 : The Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) working committee on Thursday condemned Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann for challenging the authority of the Akal Takht in public forums while asserting this was hurting the religious feelings of the people. The working committee, chaired by party President Sukhbir Badal, noted that the Chief Minister was deliberately creating fissures in the Sikh community. It said there was an overwhelming feeling in the community that Mann had not only committed a heinous crime against the Guru Sahiban but was compounding his sins by challenging the Akal Takht, which had pointed out the same with due evidence. Giving details, party leader Daljit Singh Cheema said the working committee passed a resolution demanding the immediate resignation of the Chief Minister. He said the committee also discussed how the Chief Minister was trying

to cover up his sins by presenting self-procured reports from laboratories within 24 hours after the Akal Takht ruled that the blasphemous video of the Chief Minister was real and was not a work of artificial intelligence. "In such a situation, Bhagwant Mann does not deserve to remain in his chair for even one minute more," he said. Later, Badal also discussed the issue with Shiromani committee members. The members said the Chief Minister had tried to befool the Sikh sangat by claiming the controversial video depicting him was generated through artificial intelligence. They said the Akal Takht only got the video verified forensi-

cally after the Chief Minister failed to do the same for five months despite reminders from the Takht. Meanwhile, the working committee reviewed the organisation structure with particular emphasis on the booth-level committees. The SAD President said the entire organisational structure should be complete in another fortnight. The working committee also took note of the unprovoked cane-charge and suppression of democratic protests by the AAP government, besides the complete breakdown in the law and order situation.



Assam strengthens PM POSHAN focussing on child health

Guwahati, Aug 20 : The Assam government is expanding its school nutrition programme with a sharper focus on dietary diversity and child health, covering nearly 28.97 lakh children under the PM POSHAN scheme during 2026-27, Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma said on Thursday. According to Chief Minister Sarma, the initiative seeks to ensure that children do not have to choose between education and adequate nutrition, while strengthening the nutritional support available to students attending government and government-aided schools across the state. As part of the enhanced nutrition strategy, the state government has introduced a range of additional measures, including Nutrition Gardens in schools, ragi-based health drinks and additional eggs in weekly meals. According to the latest figures, as many as 43,670 schools across the state have established Nutrition Gardens. The gardens are aimed at pro-

moting the availability and consumption of locally grown nutritious food while also creating awareness among students about healthy diets and sustainable food practices. The state has also expanded the distribution of ragi-based health drinks, with around 11.75 lakh children currently benefiting from the initiative. Ragi, known for its nutritional value and rich mineral content, is being incorporated into the school nutrition programme as part of efforts to improve dietary diversity among children. Another major component of the expanded programme is the provision of two additional eggs every week to eligible children. Around 4.75 lakh children are receiving the additional eggs under the initiative. Chief Minister Sarma said that the measures are intended to supplement the existing PM POSHAN programme and address nutritional requirements through locally relevant and protein-rich food options. The Assam government has been emphasising the need to link school education with child



health and nutrition, particularly for children from economically vulnerable families. Officials added that strengthening nutrition support can contribute to improved school attendance, concentration and overall learning outcomes while helping address nutritional deficiencies among children. The expanded approach also places emphasis on community participation through school-based Nutrition Gardens, enabling students and local communities to engage more closely with food production and healthy eating practices. With 28.97 lakh children covered under PM POSHAN in 2026-27, the state is seeking to further strengthen the programme by combining regular school meals with targeted nutritional interventions. The initiatives underline Assam's focus on ensuring that nutritional support remains an integral part of the school education system.



TN petrol pump dealers threaten to halt UPI payments over account freezes

Chennai, Aug 20 : Petrol pump operators across Tamil Nadu have threatened to stop accepting UPI and other digital payments, raising concerns over bank account freezes and police action triggered by transactions later linked to cybercrime complaints. The

Tamil Nadu Petroleum Dealers Association (TNPDA), which represents around 5,000 fuel outlets in the state, has sought the intervention of Chief Minister C. Joseph Vijay, warning that the growing risks associated with digital transactions are making it increas-

ingly difficult for dealers to continue offering cashless payment facilities. In a letter to the Chief Minister, TNPDA president K.P. Murali said fuel dealers were being drawn into cybercrime investigations even though they had no role in

the transactions beyond receiving legitimate payments from customers purchasing petrol or diesel. According to the association, petrol pumps have no mechanism to verify the identity of every customer making a digital payment.

Govt asks Meta to align content policies with Indian laws, tighten deepfake safeguards

New Delhi, Aug 20 : The government has asked Meta to align its content policies and enforcement mechanisms with Indian laws and the country's cultural context, while making it clear that it has not sought any overhaul of the social media giant's algorithms. The discussions between the government and Meta are expected to continue, with a strong focus on strengthening safeguards against harmful content, im-

proving regulatory compliance and enhancing transparency around the platform's content moderation and recommendation systems, according to NDTV Profit report. A key area of concern for the government is the growing threat posed by deepfake content. Reports said authorities have urged Meta to introduce a "human-in-the-loop" review mechanism for suspected deepfakes, ensuring that decisions on takedowns are not based solely on automated systems. The gov-



ernment believes human oversight is necessary to prevent erroneous moderation actions and improve accountability. The government has also conveyed that content

shared by prominent verified accounts should not be automatically classified as deepfakes. Instead, such content should undergo appropriate human review

before any enforcement action is taken, reports said. In addition, Meta has been asked to put in place specific measures to ensure.



Udaan's financial woes continue despite new fundraise, revenue stagnates

Bengaluru, Aug 20 : B2B e-commerce platform Udaan is facing serious financial challenges despite securing fresh funds as the company's revenue remained almost flat in FY26.

India's office REITs penetration to rise to 30 pc by 2030: Report

New Delhi, Aug 20 : Real estate investment trusts and infrastructure investment trusts in India have expanded rapidly over nearly six years and could see office REIT and industrial & warehousing InvIT penetration touch 30 per cent and 10 per cent, respectively, by 2030, a report said on Thursday. The rapid surge in the REIT penetration levels in the office market is supported by influx of high quality green-certified assets, strong occupier demand

and sustained investor appetite, the report from Colliers said. The existing portfolio across listed REITs and InvITs surpassed 195 million sq ft with an upcoming pipeline of roughly 37 million sq ft as of March 2026. While the office segment continues to dominate with around 84 per cent share in the operational portfolio of existing Indian REIT/InvIT, retail and industrial & warehousing segments are gaining momentum. REITs and InvITs are accelerating the institutionalisation and democratisation of India's real estate sector, driven by rising investor participation, strong operational performance of underlying assets, asset acquisition and supportive policies.



Zydus Lifesciences Q1 profit slides 36 pc to Rs 940 crore

Mumbai, Aug 20 : Zydus Lifesciences on Thursday reported a 36 per cent year-on-year (YoY) decline in its consolidated net profit for the first quarter of the current financial year (Q1 FY27). The Ahmedabad-based drugmaker said its net profit fell 35.9 per cent year-on-year to Rs 940 crore in the June quarter, compared with Rs 1,467 crore in the corresponding period last financial year (Q1 FY26), according to its stock exchange filing. The pharmaceutical major's revenue from operations rose 22 per cent to Rs 8,017 crore during the quarter, up from Rs 6,574 crore a year ago. However, profitability came under pressure. Earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortisation (EBITDA) slipped 7.6 per cent to Rs 1,930 crore from Rs 2,089 crore in the year-ago period. Consequently, the EBITDA margin contracted significantly to 24.1 per cent from 31.8 per cent in the corresponding quarter of the previous financial year. Despite the weaker earnings performance, investors appeared largely unfazed. Following the results announcement, shares of Zydus Lifesciences were trading at Rs 1,126, up 0.63 per cent.



Signature Global's shares drop nearly 15 pc in a week, stock down 19 pc in 1 year

Mumbai, Aug 20 : The shares of Signature Global India Limited on Thursday further declined by 2.03 per cent at Rs 1,102.40 during the intra-day trading session, as investors remain cautious about the company's financial health. The stock is on a downward spree over the past week. It has fallen by 14.52 per cent and 13.84 per cent in the last two weeks. Over the past month, Signature Global's share price has dropped by 2.32 per cent on the Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE). The decline extends further over longer periods, with the stock down 14.58 per cent in the last three months and 27.89 per cent in the past six months. Year to date, the stock has fallen by 18.62 per cent while over the past year, it has registered a 19.1 per cent decline.

Outlook for Indian textile industry increasingly favourable amid key FTAs: Govt officials

New Delhi, Aug 20 : After a year marked by resilience amid global headwinds, the outlook for the Indian textile industry is increasingly favourable, a senior government official has said, adding that key Free Trade Agreements (FTAs), now in place, are opening significant new market opportunities for Indian exporters, enhancing tariff competitiveness and strengthening India's position in global value chains. Neelam Shami Rao, Secretary (Textiles), emphasised that the convergence of these trade agreements with a distinctly textile-centric Union Budget creates a timely and strategic advantage for the sector. With expanded market access, policy clarity and focused government support, she stated

that the industry is well-positioned to scale up production, attract investments and deepen its footprint in global markets. She was addressing the first post-budget national industry consultation here, that brought together senior government officials, industry leaders, financial institutions, development partners and representatives from across the textile value chain to deliberate on implementation priorities following the Union Budget 2026 announcements. The consultation focused on operationalising two key initiatives announced in the Budget -- the Textile Expansion and Employment (TEEM) Scheme and the Tex Eco Initiative -- aimed at strengthening competitiveness, modernisation, sustainability and employment generation across the



textile and apparel sector. According to Rohit Kansal, Additional Secretary (Textiles), the Union Budget has been distinctly textile-centric, with a strong focus on employment generation and manufacturing growth. He noted that the announcement of an integrated programme for the textile sector provides a comprehensive framework to align investments, policy support and institutional efforts across the value

chain. Kansal further underlined that the Budget signals a clear intent to scale manufacturing, strengthen domestic capabilities and position textiles as a key driver of inclusive growth and job creation. Kansal also reaffirmed the Ministry's commitment to a collaborative approach to translate policy intent into tangible, measurable results on the ground.

India launches anti-dumping probe against chemical exported by China, Japan

New Delhi, Aug 20 : India has launched an anti-dumping investigation against imports of a chemical, used in tyre and rubber products, from China and Japan which are allegedly being exported by these countries at prices that are below the fair market value of these goods, according to a notification issued by the Ministry of Commerce on Thursday. The investigation follows a complaint lodged by Atul Limited to the Directorate General of

Trade Remedies (DGTR) which alleged the flood of cheap imports of 'Resorcinol' are causing significant harm to India's domestic industry. The DGTR's notification said: "On the basis of the duly substantiated application filed by the applicant and having satisfied itself, on the basis of the prima facie evidence submitted by the applicant, regarding dumping of the subject goods... the authority hereby initiates an anti-dumping investigation."





India, Iran women's kabaddi team trains together at SAI Sonepet ahead of Asiad

Sonepat, Aug 20 : Iran women's kabaddi team took part in a series of practice matches against the Indian side at the Sports Authority of India (SAI) Sonepat centre ahead of the upcoming Asian Games 2026. The purpose of the six-day practice camp was to ensure a valuable cross-border learning ground for both nations, looking forward to strong performances at the games in Aichi-Nagoya. The Iranian team arrived in Sonepat on August 13, playing practice games against the Indian women's kabaddi team as well as other local sides at the SAI campus. The practice

games, while primarily intended to prepare Iran for the Asian Games, also provided Indian players with the opportunity to test themselves against an international side and gain experience of different playing styles and tactics. Iran women's team head coach Gholamreza Mazandarani said the camp had been particularly useful for his young squad, with more than 80 per cent of the team changed since the previous Asian Games. "For us, it is a very good chance to play friendly matches, improve the players and improve our team tactics. We want to show a better team in the Asian Games. It has been a good experience for our team because our team is very young now and we have changed maybe more than 80 per cent of the team from the last Asian Games," Mazandarani told SAI Media.

Bejlek stuns Sabalenka in Cincinnati to reach first WTA 1000 QF

Cincinnati, Aug 19 : World No. 35 Sara Bejlek registered a major upset at the Cincinnati Open by eliminating Aryna Sabalenka with a 7-6 (7), 6-4 win over World No. 1. With a win, Bejlek advanced to the first quarterfinals of WTA 1000 tournament, earning her first win of a top ranked player on the WTA Tour. Bejlek is through to her first WTA 1000 quarterfinal and just her fifth at WTA level overall, following quarterfinal appearances in Prague in 2025 and 2026, Abu Dhabi and Athens in 2026. She is also the only quarterfinalist at this year's tournament who has not won a WTA 1000 event. Bejlek started the match down an early break as Sabalenka took a 2-0 lead.



'The crowd was carrying us': Treesa-Gayatri embrace home support as World C'ships medal beckons

New Delhi, Aug 20 : Treesa Jolly and Gayatri Gopichand are refusing to let the prospect of a World Championships medal alter their approach after the Indian women's doubles pair reached the quarterfinals on Thursday, with the duo crediting the home crowd for helping them overcome seventh seeds Rin Iwanaga and Kie Nakanishi of Japan at the Indira Gandhi Indoor Stadium. The 21-16, 21-12 victory moved the 39th-ranked Indians to within one win of a guaranteed medal. But for Gayatri, the pressure of playing a seeded opponent in front of a packed home

crowd is one she would rather embrace than avoid. "I think getting on court, definitely there's a little pressure, but it's the kind of pressure you enjoy because you're playing in Delhi. So I think yeah, even in the first set we were down 13-16.



'Takes a lot of effort to stay for long': Jadeja reflects on memories of Galle 2017 win

Galle, Aug 20 : Veteran left-arm spin bowling all-rounder Ravindra Jadeja has expressed deep gratitude for his ongoing decade-plus stint with the Indian team, adding that sustaining a long career at the highest level requires immense hard work and perseverance. Jadeja took four wickets in India's recent 165-run win over Sri Lanka at the Galle International Stadium, which propelled the visitors to take a 1-0 lead in the ongoing two-game series. He was in the reflective tone when shown a picture of him being a part of the Indian team winning the 2017 Galle Test, where he grabbed a six-for match haul. "Yes, it's from here. Barring the colour which has changed, the rest is the same. The last series we played here was in 2017. Obviously playing for India for 10 years means a lot because it takes a lot of effort to stay for a longer period of time.



Tiafoe upsets Auger-Aliassime; Paul stuns Zverev in Cincinnati

Cincinnati, Aug 20 : Frances Tiafoe notched a milestone victory at the Cincinnati Open when he upset second seed Felix Auger-Aliassime 6-3, 6-4 to advance to his second Masters 1000 quarter-final of the season. Having also reached the last eight in Miami, it is the first time in his career that Tiafoe has reached multiple Masters 1000 quarter-finals in a single season. Tiafoe capitalised on Auger-Aliassime's uncharacteristic lapses throughout the clash, with the Canadian committing 37 unforced errors to Tiafoe's 16. Despite landing only 44 per cent (28/64) of his first



serves, according to ATP Stats, Tiafoe stamped his authority from the baseline to return to the last eight in Cincinnati for the first time since 2024, when he reached the final. Tiafoe will next play 10th seed Lorenzo Musetti, who earlier in the day defeated Portuguese qualifier Jaime Faria 7-5, 6-2 in 75 minutes. With the triumph, the Italian advanced to the quarter-finals at a Masters 1000 event for the first time since Rome last year. In another match, Tommy Paul staged an impressive upset in a stop-start fourth-round quarter-final encounter with Alexander Zverev.

Green eyes repeat of Australia's successful 2023 as gruelling schedule looms



Mackay, Aug 20 : Australia all-rounder Cameron Green believes the team can draw inspiration from their historic 2023 campaign as they prepare for a demanding international schedule featuring challenging Test tours of South Africa, India and England, followed by the 2027 ODI World Cup. Australia resumed their World Test Championship campaign with a disappointing nine-wicket defeat against Bangladesh in Darwin, but will have an immediate opportunity to bounce back when the two sides meet in the second and final Test in Mackay from Saturday. Green feels the upcoming schedule bears similarities to the one Australia successfully navigated in 2023, when they won their maiden World Test Championship title and followed it by lift-

ing the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup for a record sixth time. "It's going to be a really tough 12 months. We've got the three hardest away tours, South Africa, India and England coming up as well as a World Cup, so it's reasonably daunting, but also exciting for this group. We had a pretty similar schedule in 2023 and had a really successful year, so we're hoping for the same," Green said in Mackay on Thursday. Green played an important role in Australia's 2023 WTC triumph and has recently rediscovered his best form in Test cricket. The 27-year-old scored a century in the first Test against Bangladesh, strengthening his position in Australia's preferred XI. However, Green acknowledged that maintaining consistency becomes more difficult during lengthy overseas assignments.



MLS: Messi scores as Inter Miami draw 2-2 with Philadelphia Union

Chester, Aug 20 : Inter Miami CF secured a point with a 2-2 draw on the road against the Philadelphia Union in MLS regular season action. Daniel Pinter and captain Leo Messi scored the team's goals tonight at Subaru Park. The home side opened the scoring in the 11th minute through a goal from Indiana Vassilev. Inter Miami levelled the scoring in the 21st minute through Academy product Pinter's first MLS goal. Messi delivered a ball for Suarez down the left side of the box, who redirected the pass with a header to find Pinter down the middle where he tucked the ball in from close range. The assist took Messi's tally to nine and Suarez's to eight. Messi then turned the match around for the visitors in the 26th minute with his 13th strike this regular season. The Argentine maestro received a ball from Fray on the right end of the box.